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or self-existent principles **in** the ntii? erse$_t$ God and matter; bat now we **understand, that** he was an earnest propugeor of another third principle (as himself calls It) them **both, viz. a *faw***
£iwc mi *cait0irQt0c* a mad, irrational! **and maleficent**
soul or demon: — so that Plutarch both a
Triarchist and a Ditheist, an assertor of three principles, but of two gods; according **to** that **fbrementioned** notion of a Gocl* as It is **taken for an animalish or perceptive** being self-existent.
We are not ignorant, that Plutarch **endeavour****
with all his might to persuade this **to** the constant belief of all the Pagan nations!
of all the wisest men and **philosophers that ever**
were amongst them, ** For **this (naith hi.% in his**
book J>e *el* OiiVtWe)* is a most ancient **opi**
nion, that hath **been** delivered clown from **theolo***
law-makers, all to philo-
sophers ; and though the author

be
unknown, yet hath it been so firmly **believed** every
where,, that the footsteps of it have been **imprinted**
upon the sacrifices and mysteries or religions
both of Barbarians and **Greeks; namely,** that the

world is neither **wholly ungoverned** by any **mind or** reason, as if all things **floated** in **the**

of
chance and fortune, nor yet that there is any **on***

or control ; because there is a **confused**

of
good and evil in etery **thing,** anil **nothing** is pro duced by nature sincere. Wherefore **it is not** run* only dispenser of **thing*, who, as** it were, **out of** vessels **diatributeth several litjtiom** of **and** evil, **mingling** them together, and

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